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EISLER REORGANIZING GDR RADIO STATIONS

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(Summary)

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Berlin—Gerhart Eisler has started a large-scale reorganization of East German radio stations. His first measure was to replace ~~Hans Hahle~~, SED, program director of the East German radio stations, by Kurt Weiss, SED.

Herbert Gessner, Radio Leipzig commentator, has been placed in charge of all programs beamed to the West from Radio Berlin, Radio Leipzig, and Deutschlandsender. His present position is Deputy Chief Editor of Radio Deutschlandsender. The following experts have been assigned to Gessner's 'Western' broadcasting staff: Horst Heideck, Hans-Viktor Kreipe, Johannes Schroeter, and Lehmann, all SED members. Herta Classen, SED, has been placed in charge of the economic editorial offices of the two Berlin broadcasting stations. Edelmann, SED, now directs the farming sections of the two stations. The Berlin Radio station and Deutschlandsender are to have a joint chief editorial office.

We have learned from the Office of Information that the reorganization is to be completed after the close of the World Youth Festival. This became necessary following severe criticism by the Russians who accused Soviet Zone radio authorities of inefficiency in their propaganda to Western Germany.

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